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Monthly Visitors.

June	1.	Miss Murdock.	June	15.	Mrs. Snow.
July	1.	Mrs. Kennedy.	July	15.	Miss Ellis.
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Paine.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Kennedy.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Paine.	Sept.	15.	Miss Palmer.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. White.	Oct.	15.	Miss Murdock.
Nov.	1.	Mrs. Batchelder.	Nov.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Dec.	1.	Mrs. Thayer.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Thayer.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Snow.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Davis.
March	1.	Mrs. Storer.	March	15.	Mrs. White.
April	1.	Miss Palmer.	April	15.	Mrs. Batchelder.
May	1.	Mrs. Teele.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.

Physicians.

Dr. E. H. Stevens	January, February, March.
Dr. C. E. Vaughan	April, May, June.
Dr. J. T. G. Nichols	July, August, September.
Dr. J. L. Hildreth	October, November, December.

Times and Places of Monthly Meetings.

At the Home	January, April, July, October.
At City Building	February, May, August, November.
At Dr. Peabody's	March, June, September, December.

On the 2d Friday of each month. Notice to be given by the Secretary.

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OF THE

AVON PLACE HOME.

The Trustees of the Avon Place Home present their Annual Report to the Cambridge public with renewed gratitude and hope. With gratitude, because, though often much straitened for means to carry on our work, we have been able to accomplish quite as much as in past years, and to find ourselves free from debt. With hope, because our appeal to the churches seems to promise additional aid for the coming year.

We have received into the Home in the course of the year but few children, because those who were already there still needed our care and protection. At the beginning of the year we had twenty-five children, and now we have twenty-seven, only eight of whom have been recently admitted. The oldest child is thirteen years old, the youngest thirteen months.

Some new rules have been made, regulating and limiting the time that children can remain in the

Home; and we have added five new members to our Board of Trustees, in order that the oversight may be more constant.

The health of the children has, with few exceptions, been very good. We have had two deaths: one very delicate baby died of cholera infantum, and a nurse who had been with us but a fortnight died of heart disease.

Our physicians have aided us most skilfully and kindly; our friends have contributed clothes and many household comforts; and we feel that, even with the disadvantage of having twice changed our matrons, the work of the year has been a success.

Mrs. Doe, the matron who served us faithfully for many years, has assumed new duties as a teacher at the South, and in her place we hope to secure the services of one who will unite the firmness and kindness so necessary in such an institution.

We do not think that the amount of benefit from this charity to the Cambridge people is entirely appreciated. In a population of more than sixty thousand we have but seventy annual subscriptions; and these, with the interest of a small invested fund, amounting only to between six and seven hundred dollars per annum, is all that we can depend upon confidently. A large number of small annual subscriptions would relieve our anxiety and increase the interest in the Home.

We have, also, a strong desire to enlarge our usefulness by giving the children better methods of

physical and moral training. Our Matron, who would be glad to take a mother's part in sympathy and care for the individual child, is obliged to have so many other duties that she can give only general oversight; and we should be glad to supplement her labors with kindergarten and manual-labor schools.

If we could interest our neighbors enough to enable us to carry on this work of relieving from want and rescuing from vice these poor little waifs found destitute within our limits, the Institution would be a credit and an honor to the city of Cambridge.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. STORER,
For the Trustees.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to the Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, commonly known as the AVON PLACE HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of
Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

Permanent Fund of Avon Place Home.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$300.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	10,052.97
Holly Tree	2,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation of Mr. D. H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
	$21,302.97

Dr. *The Treasurer in account with the Avon Place Home.* Cr.

1885, May 30.		
Balance cash on hand from old account		$185.64
Demand Note		1,628.90
To cash from year ending May 29, 1886 :—		
Proceeds of Entertainment by Miss Helen Bayley and Miss Agnes Howe	$10.50	
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00	
Waterston Legacy per Mrs. Helen Deane	500.00	
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00	
Individual Donations	932.68	
Special Donations	211.50	
Annual Subscriptions	435.00	
Interest on Investments	695.86	
Board	10.00	
No Name Club	20.00	
Prospect Street Congregational Society	84.06	
		10,399.60
		$12,214.14

May 29, 1886. Audited and approved by

SARAH S. STORER.
S. S. SLEEPER.

1886, May 29.		
By cash paid for Expenses of "The Home:"—		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$1,234.54	
Provisions and Groceries	1,154.48	
Improvements and Repairs	619.64	
Furniture and House Utensils	414.23	
Clothing and Shoes	327.78	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	225.77	
Druggist	55.30	
Printing	37.50	
Sundries	63.25	
		$4,132.49
Carried to Permanent Fund Account		7,575.00
Demand Note		257.38
Cash on hand		249.27
		$12,214.14

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer*.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$5.00
Mrs. Ezra Abbot	5.00
Miss Ashburner	5.00
Mrs. John Bartlett	10.00
Mrs. Batchelder	5.00
Mrs. A. R. Bayley	3.00
Mrs. J. W. Bemis	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	1.00
Mrs. M. B. Boynton	2.00
Dr. Geo. W. Briggs	5.00
Miss Sallie Cary	5.00
Mrs. Channing	5.00
Mrs. A. G. Clark	2.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00
Mrs. J. P. Cooke	5.00
Miss Edith Cushman	1.00
Mrs. John Davis	20.00
Mrs. E. S. Dixwell	10.00
Mrs. David Ellis	5.00
Miss M. A. Ellis	5.00
Mrs. S. S. Everett	5.00
Mrs. Frank Foster	20.00
Miss Lucy Foster	1.00
Mrs. Gage	1.00
Mrs. Goodale	5.00
Miss A. Goodwin	5.00
Mr. H. B. Goodwin	10.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	5.00
Dr. Geo. Z. Gray	5.00
Mrs. Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. F. W. Gregory	1.00
Mrs. J. M. W. Hall	$15.00
Miss C. W. Harrington	5.00
Mrs. Hedge	5.00
Miss M. L. Heywood	1.00
Mrs. H. E. Jones	5.00
Mrs. L. S. Jones	10.00
Mrs. G. M. Lane	20.00
Mrs. A. J. Lovell	5.00
Miss F. M. Mackay	10.00
Mrs. Chas. Munroe	5.00
Miss M. Murdock	10.00
Mrs. Fred Odiorne	1.00
Mrs. H. W. Paine	5.00
Dr. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	5.00
Mrs. Perrin	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. S. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. Putnam	5.00
Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Miss Irene Sanger	5.00
Mrs. M. B. Sedgwick	5.00
Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Eben Snow	5.00
Mrs. I. Spelman	5.00
Mrs. John S. Stone	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00

Mrs. Henry Thayer	$5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00
Mrs. C. Tufts	10.00
Mrs. M. Walker	5.00
Mrs. E. Washburn	$5.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. E. P. Whitman	5.00
Mrs. A. Wood	1.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. Edward Abbott	$10.00
Mr. J. P. Adams	3.85
Mrs. Agassiz	25.00
Miss S. C. Bent	2.00
Mr. Geo. Bradford	4.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	10.00
Mrs. Wm. Chadbourne	5.00
Prof. S. C. Chandler	25.00
Mr. C. F. Choate, a Memorial of Miss Helen Choate	50.00
Mrs. Geo. W. Colburn	10.00
Mr. E. S. Dixwell	25.00
Mrs. E. S. Dixwell	25.00
Mrs. Geo. Fisher	5.00
Mr. O. B. French	13.08
Mrs. Gilman	2.00
Mr. Wm. Goodwin	20.00
Miss C. P. Green	2.00
Mr. J. H. Hubbard	16.35
Mrs. J. B. Kettell	50.00
Mr. C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. G. M. Lane	$25.00
Mrs. Wm. Lawrence	10.00
Mr. Myers	5.00
Mrs. F. A. Packard	10.00
Dr. Peabody	25.00
Mr. D. H. Richards	75.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	40.00
Mr. J. J. Shedd	4.00
Mr. S. S. Sleeper	100.00
Mrs. S. L. Smith and Daughter	20.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00
Mr. J. C. Sylvia	4.40
Mr. Benj. Vaughan	25.00
Prof. C. J. White	50.00
J. Wilson & Son	10.00
Dr. Wyman	50.00
A Friend	1.00
A Friend, per Mrs. Storer	5.00
A Friend	10.00
A Friend	50.00

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Prof. S. C. Chandler	$10.00	Mrs. R. B. Storer	$2.00
Mrs. H. W. Paine	10.00	Trustees of Holly Tree	125.00
Per Mrs. H. W. Paine	4.50	Prof. C. J. White	25.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	15.00	Mrs. Morrill Wyman	20.00

Boots, Shoes, Clothing, and Work on Clothing have been contributed by

Charlie Leaver.
Mrs. Wm. Cook.
Mrs. Paine.
Mr. Walton.
Mrs. Toppan.
Mrs. Frank Sleeper.
Mrs. N. Folsom.
Mrs. Bemis.
Mrs. McKenzie.
Mrs. Henshaw.
Mrs. Wellington.
Mrs. Cook.
Mrs. Green.
Mrs. Kennedy.
Mrs. W. B. Storer.
Miss Helen L. Storer.
Mrs. Cheney.
Miss Cushman.
Mrs. Teele.
Mrs. Washburn.
Mrs. Roberts.
Mrs. Griffin.
Mrs. Hapgood.
Mrs. McElroy.
Miss Monroe.
Miss Ellis.
Mrs. T. L. Smith.
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Mrs. J. H. Wells.
Mrs. S. H. Gilman.
Mrs. G. B. Roberts.
Miss Cushing.
Mrs. Cornelius.
Mrs. Foster.
"From Brookline."
"The Club," by Miss S. Gray.
Young Ladies' Society, Prospect Street Church.
"Anonymous," by Mrs. Paine.
"Anonymous," by Mrs. Kennedy.
"A Friend."
"Anonymous."

Groceries, Fruit, &c., have been contributed by

Mrs. J. M. Bemis.
Mrs. Dresser.
Mrs. J. S. Ladd.
Mrs. A. L. Möring.
Mr. S. S. Sleeper.
Mrs. Thayer.
Miss Tower.
Mrs. J. Young.
"Anonymous."
Mr. J. H. Wyeth.
Mrs. Tower.
Mrs. A. M. Saville.
Mrs. Sleeper.
Mrs. Rice.
Mr. Lovell.
Mr. E. Dresser.
"A Friend."

Thanksgiving and Christmas Presents have been received from

First Parish Unitarian Church.
Mrs. H. O. Houghton.
Mrs. G. M. Lane.
Mrs. A. B. Stratton.
Mrs. Sands.
Mr. Thurston.
"S. C. O. A. L."
Edith Roberts.
Evert B. Roberts.
Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Ellis.
Mr. D. H. Richards.
Mrs. Hildreth's Sunday-school Class.
Miss Hildreth.
Mrs. C. F. Choate.
Mrs. Bullen.
Mrs. Sherman.
Mrs. Griffin.
Mrs. Hapgood.
Mrs McElroy.
"Busy Bees."

Miscellaneous.

Miss M. B. Sedgwick, carpet.
Miss Sylvia Scudder, sunshade.
Mrs. Bemis, rocking-horse.
Mrs. Henshaw, toys.
Mrs. Smith, pictures.
Mrs. Chandler, baby's carriage.
Mrs. Sedgwick, bedstead.
Mrs. A. L. Möring, crib-quilts, etc.
Miss L. Teele, worsted balls.
Mrs. Spalding, books.
Mrs. M. Folsom, chair, etc.
Mrs. Thurston's Sunday-school Class, chairs for nursery.
Mrs. Marcou, mat and rug.
Mrs. Stone, oil stove.
North Avenue Lodge, per A. J. Littlefield, fruit and sugar.
Miss J. M. Paine, $5.00 for sewing, and 19 pairs stockings.
Mr. Marrett, one boy's sled.
Mrs. T. L. Smith, two pieces cotton cloth.
W. H. West, ice.
Mr. Bancroft, expressage.
J. Wilson & Son, receipted bill ($3.00).
Miss Cummings, toys.
Master Sands, fish.

It is hoped that no names have been omitted in the above lists, although, in consequence of change of matrons, it is impossible to verify their correctness.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.

Membership.

The number of Corporators of this Corporation shall be seventeen. Vacancies shall be caused by death, by resignation, and by the failing to attend for a period of twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation. When such failure occurs, the Corporation shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Corporators.

Article II.

Common Seal.

The Common Seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the year of its creation, and the words, "Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, 1874," inscribed, and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article III.

Officers of the Corporation.

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen from the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and accept office. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers, and the President and Treasurer shall make a report at the Annual Meeting. The Corporators may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the convenient

transaction of the business of the Corporation. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited as often at least as once every six months.

Article IV.

Meetings of the Corporation.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Place Home, on the last Saturday in May, at such hour as the Corporators may decide. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place, and special meetings may be called by the President, or any two Corporators, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. A majority of all the Corporators shall constitute a quorum at any annual, regular, or special meeting.

Article V.

Amendments.

Articles I., III., and IV. of these By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of all the Corporators at any annual meeting, or at any regular meeting, when a notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous regular meeting, or at any special meeting, by the unanimous vote of all the Corporators.

At the Annual Meeting, May 28, 1881, Sumner Albee, Esq., and Mr. S. S. Sleeper were appointed a Committee to confer with the Treasurer with regard to the best method of keeping the accounts of the invested funds.

Application for admission of children to the Home must be made to one of the Committee on admission, consisting of: —

Mrs. R. B. Storer	Garden Street.
Mrs. Dr. Thayer	80 North Avenue.
Mrs. S. P. Teele	146 Hancock Street.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES OF THE AVON PLACE HOME, CAMBRIDGE.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Second*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Trustees for the purpose of adoption or during their minority; and *Third*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, if practicable, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Trustees, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during its minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is removed or given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Trustees for adoption, unless it be removed within six months after the end of the time for which it is readmitted.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or, should they be out of the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician.

The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Trustees for approval at their next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday-school, unless specially excused by vote of the Trustees.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on *Sundays* and *Thursdays only*, from 3 to 5 P.M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees.

The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.